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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO BUENOS AIRES MEETING OF
FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. DURING MY INTERVIEW THIS AFTERNOON WITH FONMIN SCHACHT
I SHOWED HIM AN AP DESPATCH FROM WASHINGTON PUBLISHED IN THIS
MORNING'S UNIVERSAL SUGGESTING THAT "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" HAD BEGUN
CONVERSATIONS ON ADVISABILITY OF CONVENING A MEETING OF LA
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN CARACAS PRIOR TO THE MFM IN BUENOS AIRES
NEXT FEBRUARY. SCHACHT REPLIED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING OF THIS
SUGGESTION AND CERTAINLY IT WAS NOT OF VENEZUELAN ORIGIN. ON THE
CONTRARY, HE SAID THAT AT ATLANTA HE HAD LUNCHED WITH EINAUDI AND HAD
SUGGESTED A THREE-PHASE APPROACH TO THE MFM. THE FIRST WOULD BE
FOR A PRELIMINARY SCOUT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO PRECEDE
SECRETARY KISSINGER ON HIS CONTEMPLATED TOUR OF LATIN
AMERICAN CAPITALS PRIOR TO THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING TO WORK UP
HEADS OF A BRIEF AGENDA TAILORED ACCORDING TO EACH COUNTRY'S
INTERESTS IN ITS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UNITED STATES.
SO FAR AS VENEZUELA WAS CONCERNED, IN ADDITION TO AN OFFICIAL LIKE
EINAUDI, VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE THAT
LUERS COULD COME TO WORK UP SUCH AN AGENDA FOR THE SECRETARY
BECAUSE OF HIS INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF VENEZUELA AND HIS FRIENDSHIP
WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ. WITH THIS SUGGESTION I HEARTILY AGREED.

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2. THE SECOND PHASE, SAID SCHACHT, WOULD BE FOR THE SECRETARY
HIMSELF TO UNDERTAKE A TOUR OF VARIOUS LA CAPITALS TO DISCUSS NOT
ONLY BILATERAL U.S. RELATIONSHIPS BUT ALSO WHAT SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED

AT THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING. THE THIRD PHASE, OF COURSE, WOULD BE
THE BA MFM ITSELF.

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